

REMARKS

Claims 15-31 have been canceled. Claims 32-48 have been added. Claims 1-14 and 32-48 remain in the application.

Specification Amendment

Applicant has amended the specification to update the "Related Applications" section with the Applicant Serial numbers of the related applications.

Restriction/Election

The Office has required restriction of the claims along the following lines:

I. Claims 1-14 drawn to a software object coupled to a source processing chain in a media processing filter graph, classified in class 709, subclass 315;

II. Claims 15-21 drawn to a user defined processing chain determining whether multiple accesses can be shared by a common processing chain, classified in class 709, subclass 312; and

III. Claims 22-31 drawn to a media processing system having processing chains to handle non-combinable requests, classified in class 709, subclass 104.

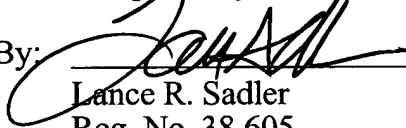
Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group

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New Claims

As noted above, claims 32-48 have been added. These claims are directed to subject matter which is in the same class as those claims which are elected for prosecution. In addition, as the number and type (i.e. independent and dependent) of added claims is the same as the number and type of canceled claims, no new fees are generated.

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